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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **HCPD urges drivers to travel safely this holiday weekend**

*Police also focus on youth driver safety as school year ends*

The Howard County Police Department will be out in force this Memorial Day weekend, enforcing traffic safety laws and taking impaired drivers off the road. While celebrations are common over the holiday, the department urges drivers to celebrate safely and designate a sober driver before consuming any alcohol.

Memorial Day weekend and the start of summer mark the beginning of a season where police often see an increase in collisions. As the school year ends and summer begins, the department will also continue its focus on youth driver safety.

Officers are increasing traffic enforcement on roadways around high schools in the county, particularly during arrival and departure times. The department hopes the police presence will reduce speeding, distracted driving and aggressive driving, and increase seatbelt use among student drivers.

HCPD is urging teens who are planning to attend graduation parties to use good judgment. Don't drink and don't get into a car with anyone who has been drinking.

The Howard County Police Department is reminding drivers of all ages to travel safely during Memorial Day weekend and throughout the year.

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